

Particulars of the Battle of Ivy Mountain.

THOS. M. GREEN, *Exec.*—*Dear Sir:* On the morning of the 5th we left Fresno, and took the road to the south. The weather was in a most favorable condition, and we were in motion at 7 o'clock, moving forward rapidly. Colonel Marshall's battalion, composed of Companies A, B, C and D, of his own regiment, and Captain Berryhill's company of the 10th Cavalry, Volunteers, constituted his command, and were placed in the advance of the Second, Third and Fifth Regiments of the 10th Cavalry. The duty of climbing the mountainous route, to do which, and keep at the same time in advance of the main column, required of them the most strenuous exertions. General Nelson, in order to form a tactical column, which he had moved forward in advance of us about twenty four hours, was compelled to make a forced march. As our route was somewhat circuitous, distance could only be overcome by speed.

All our movements were rapid—sometimes advancing with double-quick step

Our boys who scaled the mountains, often making extended detours to head the gullies

and to bound like the deer, to keep ahead of the pursuing foe, to follow the lead of the scout in plain surface. I felt that when, as they came in from the mountains, wet with perspiration, faint, exhausted, yet determined. I could have sworn that I was from Prestonburg. I came upon about fifty men, some of them cavalry, scouts. The guide and Colonel Marshall opened a fire upon them and put them to flight. Suspecting that some of the foe were in the bushes, I ordered the men to fire. The shell was tried, with what effect, upon their nerves, if any were near, I can not tell. After the battle closed, I urged our men toward Pikeston, the expected point of the foe's action; but when we had proceeded twice three and three miles, and the head of Colonel Marshall's battalion were approaching the town, I was informed by the scouts that the Captains Gault and Reed, being considered in advance, discovered that the foe, who were a thousand strong, were concealed in the trees and brush, and were ready to open fire for a further advance of the column.

Captain Gault, who fortunately was armed with a five-shooter Colt's revolving rifle.

opened fire upon them, discharging the contents of his gun, and about the same time both the guide and Mr. Reed, discharging their muskets upon the foe, which brought them to a halt. The guide then the war was laid down in their programme. The horse of Captain Gault was shot from under him and the guide received two of the enemy's balls, which brought him to the ground. Reed's horse was also killed and such was the confusion that the soldiers were unable to both were under the necessity of taking shelter under the cover of a shelving rock which induced Reed to suggest to the Captain, in his peculiar style, "that they were both gone up, air!" Colonel Marshall ordered his men to advance between a quarter of eight and half a mile in advance of the Second Ohio, when the battle commenced.

Captain Gault was cut off from his command and in order to rejoin it with the

most prospect of safety, had to swim the river, encumbered with his sword and carrying a bag of powder. He swam to the other bank, and then returned, and reached this side of the river at a point lower down. By the time the engagement between Colonel Marshall's command and the Indians was over, the base of the mountain and immediately on the banks of the river, and the foe, who had it in their power to have cut off the retreat of the army, were all slain. The Indians, from the brow of the mountain, began to gaze, and three of Captain Gault's men fell at the very commencement of the action, and the remainder of the company, from the position, had to bear the brunt of the battle and consequently are reduced in number.

Captain Herrlyhill's company of the Second Ohio, which had been placed in Colonel Marshall's command, bore themselves most gallantly, and by their valorous service by scaling the mountain, were, under the command of their fearless and intrepid leader, the only troops who were not retreating. In point of suffering the company stands second on the list, as will be seen by the more detailed account of the result of the battle, which is appended to this report.

Harris' official report, prepared to be submitted to General Nelson. It soon became

It was evident that the foe was faltering before our fire, when we were opened upon from a point opposite side of the river, and thus exposed the ground until the artillery was brought into action, greatly to our relief. The slain of the enemy left on the battle-field on this side of the river, were buried, is nine, and of the fire-wounded, two. The number of the foe cared for by us have died, making the number of their dead, so far as our personal knowledge extends, to be eleven. It is regretted, however, that we acknowledge many more wounded, prisoners, and missing than as sixty. The Second and Twentieth Ohio participated in the action, doing good service. The Fifty-ninth, who came into action at the last, were ordered to pick off the foe, who, by their fire, were trying to pick off the artillerymen from the other side.

On the river.

Of the contest our boys faced the foe, and showed the spirit of determined bravery every way worthy of Kentucky's arms. They fought—they conquered. Amos

report, I must mention that he is among

slightly wounded. That he is alive and low cowering to the ground, is the only thing that is certain. He is in a filled pocket obstructing the progress of a ball, so that only the point of the bullet was imbedded in the flesh. Colonel Marshall's Kentucky jeans are badly shot up, and his hair and neck are cut and torn. He decided the worse of the contest. Even his cap was ventilated, and his nose stood like a victim to the enemy's fire. The great gratification of all his life was that he was not killed or seriously injured. He knows that he will ever cherish with the greatest of emotion the many instances of valor shown him by the gallant soldiers of the 10th Cavalry. He will never forget their presence during the battle. He heard a cry time and again, as he passed alone among his soldiers: "Colonel, we are going to win. We are going to win. We are going to win." "Colonel, get out of the way, they are shooting right at you," &c.

This engagement lasted one hour and a half. After our men were brought into the fight, never again was there a lull in the fighting, although they were exposed to the enemy's fire.

cross fire, both from their mountain and
cade and the opposite side of the river.

advance, under Colonel Marshall, included Captain Berryhill's company, was less than five miles from the city. The first battle of the assault was made upon us by a force one thousand, who had chosen their ground well. We routed them, taking four prisoners. Among the wounded was Captain Berryhill, since dead, late a Senator from Great Company. Captain May was almost in command. List of killed and wounded, Company, killed and wounded, Company, killed and ten wounded, Edward Hall, William Prather, Peter B. McCarty, killed, Corporal Thomas Doolittle, killed, Corporal William H. D. Collins, William Hall, Martin Griggs, William N. Collins, Charles Dillin, (died) and Lieutenant John S. White, wounded. Company B, Captain May, killed three, wounded. Killed Wm. H. Brown, Wounded—Wm. Hall, S. L. Browning, Joseph Bailey.

Alfred Daugherty.

Company D, Captain Benjamin, lost
fatally wounded—Rauben Dennis, since de-
wounded of the Second Ohio, mostly
belonging to Company A, Captain Burrish,
Captain Berryhill, David Hill, Patrick Ker-
rery, John Electric, David Wilson, Jo-
seph, Corporal E. B. Simpson, Cor-
Feth, Henry Giese, plowman; Stephen A.
men, scout, all alive.

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